Peers celebrates 20 years

It was hard to find the one who planted the first Peers plant. It was either on May 1978, as part of a ceremony to commemorate Manitoba’s 100th anniversary, or May 1979, when it was4

recognized from a campus office. That year former mayor of Winnipeg John Franklin Walker trained a student volunteer and provided a list of interested student volunteers. The new Peers volunteers were responsible for spreading peonies around the campus. It is said that Peers had 7,000 peonies planted by 1980.

Now, Peers has received the prestigious Mayor’s Volunteer Service Award in the human service category. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify the highest level of service to their community.

The Mayor’s Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. It is sponsored by the Government of Manitoba and is presented by the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg, currently Brian Bowman.

Singing for their supper, and National Title

By Tamara Rudi

Many of Canada’s ears were tuned to CBC Radio Two on Monday night, May 12 as the University of Manitoba Singers performed “Son de la Loma,” a Cuban folk song arranged by Canadian composer Jonathan Quick, and “There is Sweet Music,” a song by John Roelofs and Matthew Smith. The performance was part of the CBC Radio 2 “Sing Us a Song” series and was broadcast later in the evening on CBC Radio Two.

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UM Merit Awards for 2006 and 2007

Applications and nominations for the Merit Awards for UM students are now being accepted. The awards are for the calendar years 2006 and 2007.

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Social Sciences

Dr. Jason Scherer, philosophy, is recognized for his research in the area of meaning and perception. He has used an “heuristic” method of analysis as a way to gain insights into the nature of meaning and perception. His research has been published in a number of respected journals, including The Canadian Journal of Philosophy, The Canadian Journal of Sociology, and The Canadian Journal of Political Science.

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The University provides $3,000 each for Merit Awards of $3,000 each. The awards are for students who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, research, and community service.

Health Sciences

Dr. Xiao-Jian Yao, medical microbiology, is recognized for his research on the viral and cellular proteins involved in the replication of human papillomavirus (HPV) in cervical cells. His research has been published in a number of respected journals, including The Journal of Virology and The Journal of General Virology.

Mineralogists Receive Major Award for Life’s Work

The Rhodochrosite Group, an international organization of mineralogists, has announced that the 2007 Rhodochrosite Group Award will be presented to the late Dr. John R. Blandford, a former professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Manitoba, for his contributions to the field of mineralogy.

Dr. Blandford was a prominent mineralogist and a respected mentor to young scientists. His contributions to the field of mineralogy are recognized by the establishment of the Blandford Award, which is presented annually to outstanding mineralogists.

His research interests included the study of mineralogy, particularly the study of rhodochrosite, a mineral that is found in a variety of geological environments. He made significant contributions to the study of mineralogy, particularly in the areas of mineralogy, petrology, and mineralogy.

The Blandford Award is presented annually to outstanding mineralogists. It is sponsored by the Geological Society of America and is presented by the Mineralogical Society of America.

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This year, Peers is celebrating 20 years of service to the community. The University of Manitoba has announced that a special event will be held to celebrate the program’s 20th anniversary.

The event will be held on October 15, 2007, and will feature a keynote address by Dr. John R. Blandford, a former professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Manitoba, who has made significant contributions to the field of mineralogy.

The event will also feature a panel discussion on the future of mineralogy, moderated by Dr. Blandford.

Students Helping Students, was started in 1987 by Gerry Prouten of the university’s health service and Dr. Lilly Walker ... information and education about health and wellness in the context of their academic programs.
Do You Remember Your Teachers?

Do you remember one particular teacher who made a real difference in your life? Did he or she go the extra mile and help you during a crucial time in your educational development?

On May 1, outstanding graduating students from faculties at the University of Manitoba saluted teachers from kindergarten to university who have made an impact on their lives. A common theme among students who nominated their teachers was “going above and beyond.”

Many students recalled their fond memories of teachers who stayed after school with them or coached them after school hours to personally assist them with projects, homework, sports or preparing for exams.

Jennifer Sykes is graduating from the Faculty of Education this year and selected Ms Geeta Persaud as her most memorable secondary teacher from École Seven Oaks Middle School. “She created real experiences for kids, not simply work,” Sykes notes. As for her university professor of note, Sykes picked Barbara McMillan. About her, Sykes says, “She brought the world into our classroom. Once, she brought a pile of soil into the classroom to help us learn ways to teach kids about biology. It really let us see how we could bring life into our schools.”

In the Faculty of Pharmacy, Omo Famuyide is graduating with fond memories of her high school physics teacher, Raffaele Borelli. “As a teacher, he was always encouraging,” she says. He was very supportive of you whether you were getting a 70 or a 90. What mattered more was seeing you try.” Borelli remembers Famuyide as a neat young woman, hard working and never afraid to ask for help. “It’s nice to get feedback that you actually make an impact in the classroom,” says Borelli.

In the Faculty of Science, Natali Serrano selected Dr. Patricia Mitcpher from Kelvin High School as her memorable teacher. Serrano explains that, “Dr. Mitcpher’s style really worked for me. Although she required detailed notes, she really made physics real to us in the classroom. I was impressed that I was actually able to measure the mass of an electron!” In university, Dr. Frank Hruska also made in-class work interesting. “He used humour in his classes and left a lasting impression on me. I came out of it having learned a lot, although at the time it seemed an impossible amount of work.”

In a remarkable twist, Serrano acknowledged Mitchler, who herself nominated a teacher for recognition when she graduated from the University of Manitoba. “Natali was a wonderful student,” recalls Mitchler. “She was very dedicated, with a real talent for physics.”

Mitchler says her model for her high school teaching style came from a teacher she had at St. Mary’s Academy. “It’s all about making connections with students at their level, sharing your life and creating a bond.”

She adds: “Teachers don’t often get to see the product of their efforts. But when it does happen, you get renewed hope, even through some of the frustrations that come in other aspects of your job. Having someone come to thank me and tell me I was her selection was very refreshing. It made it my day and was most meaningful because I had been in her position, too.”

“This was one of the most memorable events of the university year,” says Dr. Cheryl Kristjanson, director of University Teaching Services. “Every year, there are at least a few students who really touched our hearts as they recalled the men and women who made such a difference in their lives.”

For the complete list of honored teachers and professors, please see umanitoba.ca

Business Students Take Hong Kong; School Continues to Set Records

Advotech receives the grand champion award. From left: HKUST Prof. Steven DeKrey, senior associate dean & director of MBA Program, Asper School of Business students David Mowat and Taren Gesell, and HKUST Prof. Stephen Nason, contest chair.

The University of Manitoba business team called Advotech and consisting of Asper School of Business students Taren Gesell and David Mowat and Faculty of Medicine student Chris Lu was recently named grand champion at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) International Business Plan Competition. It is one of the world’s leading graduate student entrepreneurial events, and is known for attracting business student entrepreneurs from top universities in Asia, North America and Europe. Teams pitched their business plans to leading Hong Kong executives and professional investors. Advotech defeated teams from Switzerland, Hong Kong and Oregon in the final round, bringing home a total of $11,000 in cash. Advotech’s plan was called for the commercialization of two medical device technologies developed in Israel for the orthopedic market. Advotech’s use of Israeli technology builds on the strong relationship developed between the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Asper School of Business and leading research universities and incubators in Israel. Advotech also won the elevator pitch competition at HKUST.

The Hong Kong win comes at the heels of a benchmark year for the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship. Team Advotech recently won a round at the New Venture Championship, University of Oregon, and in February, it won the elevator pitch at University of Louisville’s Cardinal Challenge Business Plan Competition. In March, three other Asper School of Business students brought home a total of $45,000 in prizes and in-kind services from Carnegie Mellon University’s 2008 McGinnis Venture Competition.

Since 1995, the Centre’s teams have had 40 first-place finishes, keeping its director, Robert Warren, as the record holder for the business school advisor with the most number of wins at international business school competitions.